

What can I recycle?

Rocky Hill provides single stream recycling to its residents.

Here are items that can be recycled in your blue recycling bin:

- All Glass food and beverage containers
- All Plastic food and laundry product containers #1 - #2 under 3 gallons
- All Metal food and beverage containers
- Clean aluminum foils, pans, and containers
- Milk & juice cartons, single serve juice boxes and other aseptic containers
- Junk mail and envelopes
- All Food & Beverage containers made of plastics #1 through #7 under 3 gallons
- Paper bags, paper egg cartons, paper towel tubes
- Newspapers and advertising inserts
- Office paper, white & colored, sticky notes
- File folders, notecards, cardstock, manila envelopes
- Magazines, catalogs
- Shredded paper in a paper grocery bag

How do I prepare my barrels for weekly set-out?

You should place your barrel(s) at the curb before 6:00 am on collection day. Place barrels at least two feet apart from each other with the lid opening facing the street. Also, make sure the barrels aren't left at the curb for longer than 24 hours.

What is the Transfer Station?

The Transfer Station is a Town disposal facility located on Old Forge Road where residents can dump their materials as well as receive free mulch and composte. Residents do not need a permit, however, in order to dispose of items or receive mulch/composte, proof of residency is required. An acceptable form of ID is a driver's license, state issued identification card, or a passport.

The hours are:

January & February,

Saturday's only 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

March 1st – December 31st,

Thursday & Friday 7:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. & Saturday 7:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

The Transfer Station is closed during inclement weather.

Permitted items include: antifreeze, car batteries, all lead acid batteries used in any engine, brush, logs, stumps, leaves, grass, electronics, computers, monitors, TV's, VCR's, fluorescent bulbs and ballasts, mercury products, furniture, household trash, household batteries, household recycling, motor oil, paint (in original containers only), phone books (April & May), #20 propane tanks, rugs, carpets, scrap metal, tag sale items, tires.

Items NOT permitted: hazardous waste chemicals, sheetrock, construction debris, demolition and remodeling materials, large sheds, large dog houses, decks, concrete, wooden playscapes, wooden fencing, ceramic tile, roofing material, dirt

Alternate disposal for items not permitted at the Transfer Station, go to:
CWPM (860)828-1162 Berlin, CT

How do I dispose of yard debris?

Curbside leaf collection begins the fourth week of October at the east end of Rocky Hill and continue through the entire Town until all the leaves are collected (usually by the end of the first week in December). Leaf Collection is at the mercy of the winter season's first snowfall. The Transfer Station continues to receive leaves and grass year round during the hours of operation.

Curbside brush collection begins the third Monday of the month between March and October. The Town Highway Department will collect brush and stumps, including shrubs at the curbside. Brush no longer than 8 feet, branches no wider than 4 feet. Place at the curb with the butt end on the curb, stacked neatly. Logs and stumps stacked separate from branches. The Highway Department reserves the right to limit the amount of brush removed from a residence to a maximum of 30 cubic yards. Have the brush at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of the collection week.

Curbside Christmas tree collection pickup begins the next weekday after New Year's Day and continues until all trees are picked up. Tree collection is weather dependent. Trees can also be brought to the Transfer Station.

Residents can dispose of their grass clippings at the Transfer Station along with any other yard debris.

What is Bulky Waste?

Bulky waste refers to large items such as couches, furniture and other large non-metal items that cannot be collected as part of the automated trash collection system. Bulky Waste can be collected by emailing Glenn Parent at gparent@rockyhillct.gov or by text at (860)982-4689.

Are there restrictions regarding what I can throw away in the regular trash?

Yes, there are certain items that are illegal to throw away in your regular trash. Never put the following items in your barrel:

- Explosives
- Biological waste
- Hazardous chemical substances (see Household Hazardous Waste)
- Radioactive materials
- Human or animal waste
- Animal remains. Contact your veterinarian or a private wildlife control service.
- Automotive parts
- Liquid waste
- Radioactive medical waste, including human and pet waste. Check with your doctor or veterinarian.
- Recyclable materials
- Leaves & Grass Clippings

Can I recycle my old telephone book?

Yes! Telephone books may be placed in your recycling barrel. You can also bring them to the Transfer Station during the months of April and May.

Why was my trash not collected?

There are several reasons why your trash may have not been collected. Below are some common reasons why the trash was not collected:

- Items may be too large.
- Unacceptable material items such as dirt, concrete, slate, stone brick, stumps, sand, cement, asphalt, or ceramics were in your barrel.
- Recyclable items such as cardboard were not tied or improperly tied.
- Barrels were not out before 6:00 a.m. on collection day.
- Vehicles blocking access.
- Trash was in a container other than the automated collection barrel (ex: improper barrels and corrugated cardboard boxes.)
- Trash items were presented outside the automated barrel.

How do I dispose of my old electronics?

The State of Connecticut mandated recycling of electronics known as “Covered Electronic Devices”. Televisions, computers (desktop or laptop), monitors, keyboards, printers, etc., must be recycled. You may take your old electronics to our Transfer Station located on Old Forge Road. Click [here](#) for Connecticut Statutes regarding disposal of electronics.

How do I dispose of fluorescent light bulbs?

Fluorescent lamps, including energy saving compact fluorescents, contain mercury. When a lamp breaks it releases mercury into the air which is toxic. When storing lamps keep in a box or case to prevent breakage. Fluorescent lamps can be disposed of at the Transfer Station located on Old Forge Road.

What materials are accepted at the Town disposal facilities?

Numerous items can be brought to our Transfer Station. Items permitted include: antifreeze, car batteries (all lead acid batteries used in any engine), brush, logs, stumps, electronics, computers, monitors, TV's, VCR's, fluorescent bulbs and ballasts, furniture, household trash, household batteries, household recycling, leaves, grass, mercury products, motor oil, paint, phone books (April & May), #20 propane tanks, rugs, carpets, scrap metal, tag sale items, tires.

What materials are not accepted at the Town disposal facilities?

Items not permitted at the Transfer Station are: hazardous waste chemicals, sheetrock, construction debris, demolition, remodeling materials, large sheds, large dog houses, decks, concrete, wooden playscapes, wooden fencing, ceramic tile, roofing material, dirt. An alternate disposal location for items not permitted at the Transfer Station is CWPM (860) 828-1162 in Berlin, CT. Click [here](#) for information regarding hazardous waste collection.

What are the hours of the Town disposal facilities?

The Transfer Station is open during the following hours: In January & February, Saturday's only 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. From March 1st – December 31st, the Transfer Station is open Thursday & Friday 7:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. & Saturday 7:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

How do I dispose of paint?

There is a Connecticut Paint Recycling Law which the Rocky Hill Transfer Station participates in and is a location where paint can be disposed of for residents only. Paint must be brought in original containers with no visible rust or leaks in the can. You can view additional locations where disposal is accepted [here](#), find out more information about the PaintCare Program by clicking [here](#), or view the law [here](#).

Has your question not been answered?

You can contact Glenn Parent, Director of Public Works, by calling (860) 258-7709, texting at (860) 982-4689, or email at gparent@rockyhillct.gov. If you leave a message for Glenn, he tries his best to return phone calls as soon as possible.